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PROCEEDINGS

EIGHTH DAY — TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2003

The house met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the speaker.

The roll of the house was called and a quorum was announced present (Record 13).

Present — Mr. Speaker; Allen; Alonzo; Bailey; Baxter; Berman; Bohac; Bonnen; Branch; Brown, B.; Brown, F.; Burnam; Callegari; Campbell; Canales; Capelo; Casteel; Castro; Chavez; Chisum; Christian; Coleman; Cook, B.; Cook, R.; Corte; Crabb; Crownover; Davis, J.; Davis, Y.; Delisi; Denny; Deshotel; Driver; Dukes; Dunnam; Dutton; Edwards; Eiland; Eissler; Elkins; Ellis; Farabee; Farrar; Flores; Flynn; Gallego; Garza; Gattis; Giddings; Goodman; Goolsby; Griggs; Grusendorf; Guillen; Gutierrez; Haggerty; Hamilton; Hamric; Hardcastle; Harper-Brown; Hartnett; Heflin; Hegar; Hilderbran; Hochberg; Hodge; Homer; Hope; Hopson; Howard; Hughes; Hunter; Hupp; Isett; Jones, D.; Jones, E.; Jones, J.; Keel; Keffer, B.; Keffer, J.; King; Kolkhorst; Krusee; Kuempel; Laney; Laubenberg; Lewis; Luna; Mabry; Madden; Marchant; Martinez Fischer; McCall; McClendon; McReynolds; Menendez; Mercer; Miller; Moreno, J.; Moreno, P.; Morrison; Mowery; Naishtat; Nixon; Noriega; Oliveira; Olivo; Paxton; Peña; Phillips; Pickett; Pitts; Puente; Quintanilla; Raymond; Reyna; Riddle; Ritter; Rodriguez; Rose; Seaman; Smith, T.; Smith, W.; Smithee; Solis; Solomons; Stick; Swinford; Talton; Taylor; Telford; Thompson; Truitt; Turner; Uresti; Van Arsdale; Villarreal; West; Wilson; Wise; Wohlgemuth; Wolens; Wong; Woolley; Zedler.

Absent, Excused — Dawson; Geren; Hill; Merritt.

Absent — Rangel.

The invocation was offered by Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond, D.D., bishop, Diocese of Austin, as follows:

Good and gracious God, you are the source of all life and goodness. We give you thanks and praise for the gifts of life, health, freedom, and democracy.

We ask your blessing on all elected officials, especially those gathered here in this house of representatives for the State of Texas. Bless them with wisdom, insight, and courage to seek the common good; to defend the rights and dignity of every human life; to care for the poor; and to make the difficult decisions that are demanded of their high office.

We count on your grace and blessing in all things, and we count on your spirit to guide us in the ways of peace, justice, reconciliation, and truth. We trust that in your gracious and merciful love, you will hear us and give us all that we need to serve you and to bring about your kingdom of justice and peace. For you are God, our Savior. Amen.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED

The following member was granted leave of absence for today because of important business in the district:

Merritt on motion of Elkins.

The following member was granted leave of absence for today because of important business:

Dawson on motion of Guillen.

The following member was granted leave of absence for today and tomorrow because of personal business:

Hill on motion of Naishtat.

CAPITOL PHYSICIAN

The speaker recognized Representative Gallego who presented Dr. Jorge Partida of Del Rio as the "Doctor for the Day."

The house welcomed Dr. Partida and thanked him for his participation in the Physician of the Day Program sponsored by the Texas Academy of Family Physicians.

HR 63 - ADOPTED

(by Isett, et al.)

Representative Isett moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 63**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 63, Recognizing January 28, 2003, as Lubbock Day at the State Capitol.

HR 63 was read and was adopted without objection.

HCR 31 - ADOPTED

(by Isett)

Representative Isett moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HCR 31**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HCR 31, Honoring Al and Shirley Bendick of Lubbock on their 25th wedding anniversary.

HCR 31 was read and was adopted without objection.

HR 32 - ADOPTED
(by Farrar)

Representative Farrar moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 32**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 32, Welcoming members of the visiting Catholic Charities delegation and commending them for their many good works.

HR 32 was read and was adopted without objection.

HR 74 - ADOPTED
(by Mowery)

Representative Mowery moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 74**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 74, Honoring Michael E. Myers, president of the Texas Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors.

HR 74 was read and was adopted without objection.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST

The speaker recognized Representative Mowery who introduced Michael E. Myers, president of the Texas Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors.

HR 71 - ADOPTED
(by Dunnam)

Representative Dunnam moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 71**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 71, Honoring Curtis Patterson of Waco for his heroic efforts.

HR 71 was read and was adopted without objection.

On motion of Representative J. Keffer, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 71** as signers thereof.

HR 52 - ADOPTED
(by Woolley)

Representative Woolley moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 52**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 52, Welcoming the students and staff of Houston's Duchesne Academy of the Sacred Heart to the State Capitol.

HR 52 was adopted without objection.

HR 66 - ADOPTED
(by Coleman)

Representative Coleman moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 66**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 66, Recognizing January 28, 2003, as Texas Southern University Day at the Capitol.

HR 66 was read and was adopted without objection.

On motion of Representative Hodge, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 66** as signers thereof.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Keel moved that the house adjourn until 10 a.m. tomorrow in memory of J. D. Crawford of Austin, son of Vic and Barbara Crawford.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The house accordingly, at 10:48 a.m., adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow.